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1. Paragraph 2 of referenced memorandum points out that Headquarters has no current progress reports on Camise. We would like to state now for the record that the Camise operation is suspended for the time being. It can be reactivated whenever qualified case officers become available for West German political coverage in Bonn.

2. The following is a brief summary of Camise's present status: She continues as the chief Western German correspondent of her newspaper and she has become, in the year she has spent in Bonn, one of the better known and respected correspondents. Her contacts are many and varied; naturally most of them are from SPD and Labor circles but she has access also to such arch-reactionaries as Justice Minister Thomas Dehler. Camise has good connections also to various foreign missions in Bonn. She is a regular guest at all receptions given by the Italian Embassy and last summer she spent a week in Paris as guest of the French Foreign Ministry. Obviously, the fact that she is the most attractive female correspondent in Bonn (the competition is not heavy) gives her certain advantages which she can and does exploit.

3. You will recall that Camise had been writing and living under a false name, given to her "legally" by us during the early days of military government. This has troubled her greatly, especially since the beginning of her new romance with an influential trade union leader. Camise plans to get married again but would naturally hate to do so under a name the legality of which can be questioned. She has, therefore, with our consent and assistance, decided to legalize her name. [ ] introduced her to [ ] and the latter "hand-processed" the necessary papers through the Berlin Police Praesidium.

4. Contact of a sort was maintained with Camise until my transfer from FOB. Since then we have telephoned a couple of times and I saw her once or twice, but only briefly. Camise remains loyal to the organization and would like to work for us more actively. However, she needs guidance and briefing. While a person of unusual intelligence, Camise cannot readily distinguish between overt and covert intelligence and she tends to regard all political information as "hot stuff." Only a case officer with fairly complete knowledge

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of the Bonn political scene could give her the necessary instructions to enable the utilization of her contacts to our benefit. While [ ] was with the Bonn Liaison Office he would have been most suitable as Camise's case officer. [ ] interests are along somewhat different lines. Furthermore it is by no means certain that he will continue in Bonn for any length of time. He is, as you know, our only case officer in Bonn.

5. We may sum up by stating that the success of the Camise operation, like most other agent activities, depends primarily on the assignment of a qualified case officer. FOB is not in a position today to do justice to all its commitments and there is no immediate prospect of getting additional case officers for West German coverage. Accordingly, we see no choice but to maintain casual contact with Camise with the justified hope that if and when an intensification of West German reporting activity should be desired, she will be there to assist us. We gave Camise \$80 some months ago to assist her in Paris. Beyond that there have been no financial expenditures recently and none are anticipated.

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